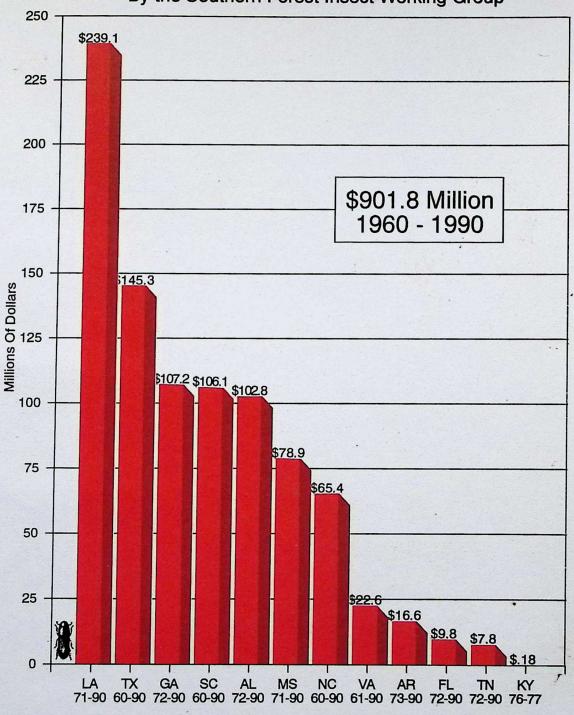
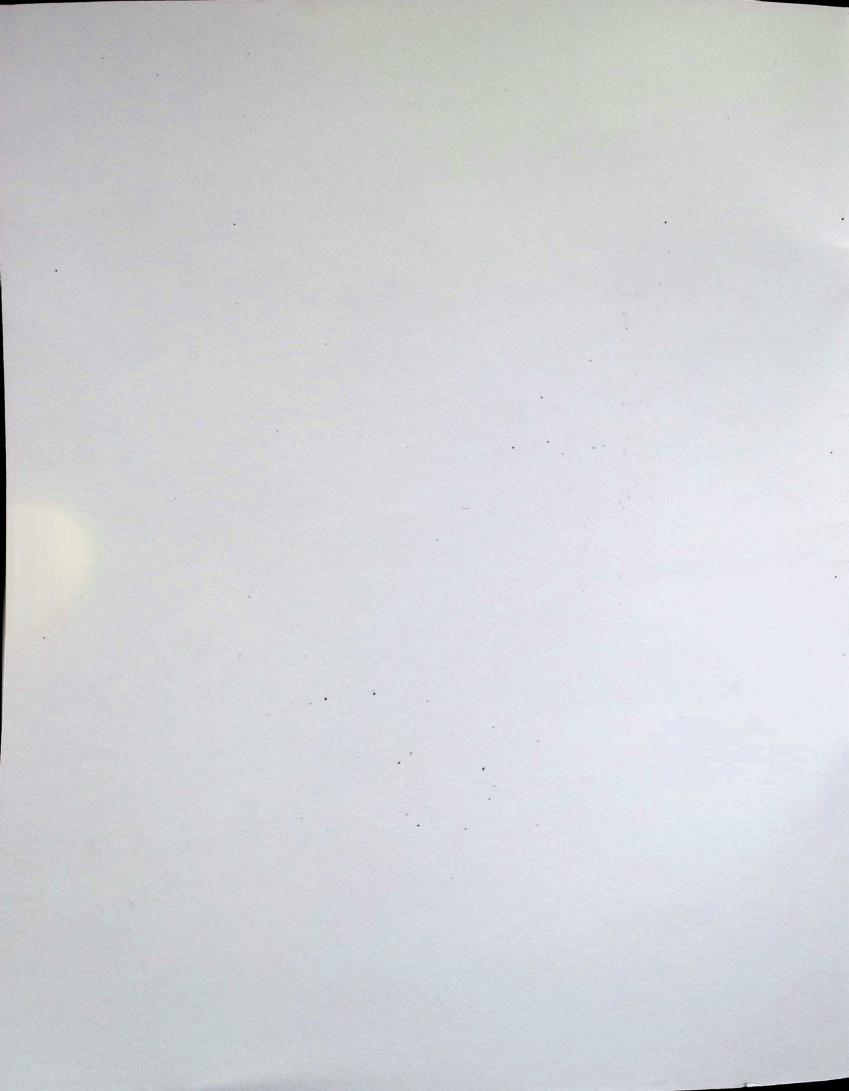
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A HISTORY OF SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE OUTBREAKS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

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The southern pine beetle, Dendroctonus <u>frontalis</u> Zimm., is the most destructive insect killer of pines in the southeastern United States. This native bark beetle attacks and kills southern pines in an area roughly approximating the geographical range of shortleaf pine (See Appendix). For poorly understood reasons, the insect periodically increases to epidemic proportions, causing severe timber losses. For many years, a vast amount of data on the beetle have accumulated in files and archives. Some of the early information is very sketchy, but data collected since 1960 are reasonably accurate. This publication summarizes historical information on the southern pine beetle and documents damage and spread of the beetle since the 1960's.

METHODS

The data shown in Table 1 and Figures 1 to 31 were collected to provide a regional record of long term patterns of southern pine beetle outbreak. Such broad scale datasets are crucial to proper understanding of factors which control episodically varying pests,

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yet are rare for forest insects. However, it is important to recognize the limitations of the data presented here. These data were collected by state and federal pest control specialists to assist their own pest control objectives as well as to fulfill federal cost-sharing reporting requirements. Fundamental differences in methodology are inevitable particularly in light of the regional coverage and lengthy period described. Such differences necessarily limit the comparability of the data.

The two types of data presented in this publication, county-level outbreak intensities (Figures 1-31) and state-level damage estimates (Table 1), are derived from three sources of information: aerial spot detection surveys, ground checks of detected spots, and surveys of host forest extent. This section defines the data presented and describes how it was assembled.

Aerial surveys: Because host damage and reproduction by southern pine beetles occur primarily in well defined patches called spots, locating and enumerating spots is fundamental to estimating their population and impact. Active spots are principally identified through detection flights (Hain, 1980). Flights are conducted periodically throughout the active season, with flight timing dependent on expected level of beetle activity, season, objectives, and operational capabilities (Billings, 1979). States do not record very small spots, less than five or ten trees in size, because of their limited potential for damage⁵, and for programmatic reasons some states do not survey or report spots on federal lands. Survey efforts may historically have been less intensive during years of

^{5/} For example, Texas increased its detection threshold to ten active trees in 1974 (Billings, 1979).

limited beetle activity or in counties thought to be at low risk, leading to under reporting of spot numbers. Dull (1980) discusses some of the sources of error associated with aerial spot detection.

Ground checks: Pockets of mortality observed in the air may be caused by other agents than southern pine beetle. Ground checks allow confirmation of the beetle's role and permit improved estimation of spot size for subsequent damage estimates (Mayyasi et al., 1975). States may prioritize detected spots by their damage potential, restricting ground checks to those spots most likely to benefit from control (Billings, 1979)⁶.

Host surveys: Because southern pine beetle only attacks certain species of pine, measures of spot frequency are typically expressed relative to the amount of potential host available. For the maps in this publication, spot numbers in each county have been divided by that county's acres of susceptible forest, producing "spots per thousand acres of susceptible host type."

"Susceptible host type" refers to forests dominated by suitable host species. Loblolly and shortleaf pines are the most common host species of southern pine beetle, although pitch and Virginia pines are also susceptible. White, slash and longleaf pines are rarely attacked by southern pine beetle and thus are not treated as susceptible. Pines within mixed forests can be attacked, although less frequently than in stands with high pine basal areas (Lorio, 1980).

^{6/} Because beetle activity was light in 1989 and 1990, SC performed no ground checks.

All the states in the survey obtain their county-level estimates of acreage by forest type from the U. S. Forest Service's Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) survey. States combine the acres in the FIA forest type categories "loblolly-shortleaf" and "oak-pine" as their estimate of susceptible acres⁷. The FIA survey is conducted approximately every ten years, with states apparently using the most recent survey data available for their calculations⁸ Thus estimates of susceptible acres can be up to ten years out of date.

Levels of infestation: The above descriptions suggest that the states forwarded to us estimates of spots per thousand acres. This is generally not the case. Rather, most state infestation levels have been reported by broad categories. For the years prior to 1978, data are only available on whether a county was in outbreak status or not, where one spot per thousand acres or greater serves as the definition of outbreak. Starting in 1978, infestation levels have been divided into three ranges:

Low 0.1 to just under 1

Middle 1 to just under 3

High 3 and greater

The new "low" category captures less intense infestations than were reported in earlier periods -- only the middle and high categories fit the previous definition of "outbreaks."

Damage estimates: State-level damage estimates (Table 1) are divided into pulpwood and sawlog volumes killed and estimated amounts

8/ For 1972-1990, GA estimates were based on linear interpolations between survey years.

^{7/} For GA, prior to 1972, only one-half of all mixed oak-pine acres were included as susceptible.

salvaged, with volumes valued using that year's statewide prices. Estimates of amounts killed and salvaged are derived from spot counts, ground checks, and other available information. Estimates of that year's statewide stumpage values are then simply applied to the volumes killed to produce estimates of total value of loss.

Update: This publication updates data found in an earlier publication (Price and Doggett, 1982) which presented similarly collected data on outbreaks from 1960 through 1980. These older data are reproduced here for the convenience of the reader. Only data for Georgia from 1972 to 1980 were revised, based on improved estimates of susceptible host acres⁹. Data for all states after 1980 were solicited for this publication from the state and federal pest control specialists listed in the <u>Contributors</u> section and maps were proofed by the responsible contributor for accuracy. Their assistance has been essential to this effort and is gratefully acknowledged.

DISCUSSION

Even prior to the time the southern pine beetle was first described by Zimmermann in 1868, pine mortality was described by early writers which may be attributed to the beetle. The first outbreak on record was reported by several writers in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Since it was reported in east Tennessee, coastal plain North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia and piedmont North Carolina, it was probably southwide.

^{9/} The previous version had used more dated estimates of host acres and had included one-half of the mixed oak-pine acres.

research on the southern pine beetle. He also states: "We are very uncertain whether the worms you allude to are the cause or the effect of the death of the trees..." (Pinckney, 1804).

Pinckney also commented on the strength and useability of recently killed timber and advocated its use. He predicted a short term market glut followed by shortages. In his letter, Pinckney illustrated the severity of the problem by reporting the loss of 5,000 acres of 7,000 acres on a plantation 26 miles north of Charleston.

James Madison in a letter to Judge Peters in 1818 said, "Now, all our red fields, long unplowed, are overspread with pines, as thick as they can grow; whilst the adjacent grey lands, originally clothed with a pine forest, are gradually losing that kind of tree under the depredation of a particular worm." This is the earliest recording of pine mortality in Virginia. It was probably southern pine beetle.

From the time of the first reports in the late 1700's and early 1800's until the late 1800's, there is very little information on the damage caused by the southern pine beetle. Although it is possible that no damage was incurred from the beetle during this time period, it is probable that damage was occurring but was not noted because of poor survey methods or indifference. Table 2 (See Appendix) is a brief summary of survey data that was available from 1882-1959.

It does not appear, as some writers have suggested, that outbreaks of southern pine beetle occur periodically with a dearth of

beetle activity between outbreaks. Some very severe outbreaks occur in the southeast almost every year (Figures 1-31). Periodically, the localized outbreaks combine to produce a southwide outbreak.

Beginning in the early 1960's, improved survey detection techniques and expanded pest control organizations allowed improved detection and damage data collection. Table 1 and Figures 1-31 summarize survey data collected since 1960.

HISTORY OF SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE CONTROL

The first attempts to control bark beetles were probably European and involved <u>Ips</u> spp. Disastrous bark beetle outbreaks occurred in Germany during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. So severe was the problem that a special prayer for the protection of forests from wind and insects was included in a prayer book printed in 1705. Gmelin (1787) reported that over a million-and-a-half trees were killed in the Hercynian Mountains alone between 1781 and 1787. Gmelin collected data from these seventeenth and eighteenth century outbreaks and in 1787 published a treatise on bark beetles. In addition to biological data, the treatise contained comprehensive detection and control recommendations. As a first step, Gmelin recommended an intensive survey to locate infested trees.

His major recommendation for beetle control was prompt salvage or burning of infested trees. Emphasis was placed on selecting trees still containing brood and ignoring trees from which beetles had already emerged. After trees were salvaged, bark removed from trees during the milling process was burned.

Gmelin also detailed the use of trap trees as a control measure. This consisted of cutting healthy trees at specified intervals. After the trees were attacked by beetles, they were burned to eliminate the brood.

In addition to direct control measures, Gmelin recommended thinning and sanitation measures to prevent attack. He also suggested that careless logging and weather and soil conditions may predispose stands to attack.

He astutely attempted to correlate resin flow of individual trees with attack success and suggested that seed from resistant trees be used to propagate future beetle resistant stands.

Gmelin reported that seventeenth and eighteenth century attempts to control beetles with chemicals were generally unsuccessful and were considered dangerous because of the available chemicals: arsenic, smoke of heather, sulphur and straw. He also toyed with the notion of using electricity for beetle control.

Gmelin looked at reasons for population collapse and attributed collapses to weather or to "the increasing number of enemies which limits unusual and tremendous overpopulation of the beetle". Although Gmelin's recommendations were made for an European species, we will see the same basic suggestions appear in American literature on southern pine beetle.

After the German control measures for bark beetles, the next attempt and probably the first in the United States was instigated by the Moravians in piedmont North Carolina (Fries et al., 1922). In 1797 they made a concerted attempt to salvage dead and dying beetle-attacked timber. Their salvage program appears to have been aimed more at loss minimization than at beetle control.

Hopkins (1909) observed an extensive southern pine beetle outbreak in Virginia and West Virginia in 1891-92. He recommended salvage with subsequent destruction of bark by burning as a control measure. He believed that control action would be most effective during the winter months when beetle development is slow. He suggested water immersion of bark as an alternative to burning.

Hopkins also made sanitation recommendations designed to minimize beetle problems. These included removal of lightning struck trees and restricting cutting to winter months in areas of known occurrence.

During an epidemic which occurred in North and South Carolina in 1911-1912, Hopkins' recommendations were used in organized control projects in Mecklenburg and Gaston counties, North Carolina (Pratt, 1912). In 1912 the U. S. Bureau of Entomology established a branch office in Spartanburg, South Carolina to supply technical expertise for support of the SPB control projects (Pratt, 1911).

The use of chemicals for SPB control has been investigated since the first quarter of the twentieth century. Surprisingly, a major investigation was made of systemic chemicals by U. S. Forest Service researchers in the 1920's and 30's. St. George and Caird (1929) and St. George and Huckenpahler (1933) injected a wide range of chemicals into SPB infested trees hoping to kill the insect brood. They found that denatured alcohol, wood alcohol, carbon bisulphide, ammonium fluoride, and hydrocyanic gas provided adequate brood control. Mercuris chloride, zinc chloride and zinc meta arsenite injections not only killed beetle brood, but were found to be good wood preservatives.

Chemically pure nicotine injected into recently-infested trees by U. S. Forest Service researchers in 1933 (Anon., 1933) was found to kill SPB without causing tree mortality. Eleven other materials were found either to kill host trees or were not effective agents for beetle control. Although several of the systemic chemicals appeared effective, subsequent research revealed that the chemicals must be

applied within five to seven days of attack to be successfully translocated (Craighead and St. George, 1938). After this time period the blue stain fungus blocks chemical movement. This information led to the abandonment of systemic use in the Southeast at that time.

The same research group used several chemicals to control SPB in logs. Stainless creosote, pine oil (termex) and a mixture of one part orthodichlorobenzene to ten parts kerosene were found to control brood. Spraying recently attacked standing trees failed to increase survival rates of the infested trees. St. George (1932) attempted to apply both kerosene and orthodichlorobenzene as a prophylactic measure. He hoped that these materials would repel attacks. While he thought that the orthodichlorobenzene treatment was effective, the kerosene was a failure.

Researchers at the Southern Forest Experiment Station tested benzene hexachloride (BHC), orthodichlorobenzene, chlordane, and DDT against SPB. BHC proved to be most effective and 0.5% BHC in fuel oil became the standard chemical for SPB control in the South. BHC was first recommended for SPB to combat a 1950 outbreak in east Texas (Billings, 1989). BHC was further tested in 1955 (Speers et al., 1955) and was found to be more effective than either ethylene dibromide or orthodichlorobenzene for beetle control. This further reinforced the use of BHC as the predominant chemical control agent in the southeast. Accordingly, BHC mixed as a 0.5 percent active ingredient in fuel oil was the principal, direct control method used throughout the South from 1959 through 1970.

Interest in systemics resurfaced when Ollieu (Ollieu 1969) investigated the use of cacodylic acid, a fast acting herbicide, and found successful brood reduction. From 1963-1974, Texas forest industry leaders organized and founded the Southern Forest Research Institute, under the direction of Dr. J. P. Vit. This Institute studied SPB attack behavior and infestation dynamics (Billings, 1989) and eventually isolated and identified several SPB behavioral chemicals, including frontalin, trans-verbenol and verbenone (Kinzer et al., 1969; Renwick, 1967). Alpha pinene and frontalin were subsequently mixed to form an attractant called frontalure. This was placed on cacodylic acid-treated trees in an attempt to trap and kill beetles in a single operation. A widespread test of the technique in Texas in 1970 met with variable success (Coulson et al., 1975) and the technique is no longer used. Research is still continuing toward developing new control tactics using SPB behavioral chemicals. In recent tests in several southern states, the beetle-produced inhibitor verbenone has been effectively used to halt spot growth without need for felling uninfested trees (Payne and Billings, 1989; Billings, 1990).

After comprehensive testing, the chemicals chlorpyrifos (Dursban 4E) and fenitrothion (Pestroy) were registered with the EPA in 1979 for both prophylactic and remedial treatment. These chemicals along with lindane are the chemicals currently registered (199) for SPB control.

In addition to chemical control, mechanical control has undergone an evolution since Gmelin recommended salvage and burning of infested material and Hopkins added water immersion.

During an outbreak in Texas in 1938-39, control consisted of cutting a half mile swath around the infested areas (Billings, 1989). By 1945, the recommendation for swath width had been reduced to a quarter mile. By the early 1960's, mechanical control recommendations consisted of salvage of actively infested trees plus a buffer strip to ensure that recently attacked trees would not be overlooked in the salvage operation. Thatcher, et al. (1982) summarized current salvage recommendations. Salvage remains the most recommended direct control method for treating SPB infestations (Swain and Remion, (1981).

In addition to salvage control, a second mechanical option is cut-and-leave (Billings, 1980). An early version of the cut-and-leave treatment was described by Patterson (1930) as the solar heat method. Originally, control consisted of felling and limbing trees. The boles were then exposed to the sun for a few days to kill brood and then the boles were rolled to expose the other side to the sun's rays. By 1969, Texas personnel had modified the technique (Ollieu, 1969) to take advantage of known limitations in SPB attack behavior. Actively-infested trees along with a 40-60 foot wide green buffer strip were simply felled and left in the forest. The treatment eliminates natural sources of attraction (pheromone production), causing emerging beetles to disperse (Billings, 1980). This was found to effectively halt spot growth, particularly when small spots (10-100 trees) were treated. Treatment of active SPB infestations by salvage or cut-and-leave during summer months in east Texas also was found to reduce the frequency of new spot proliferation in the vicinity of treated spots (Billings and Pase,

1979b). An analysis of cut and leave in the Georgia piedmont in 1980 was conducted by the Georgia Forestry Commission. Treatment effects were evaluated for ten replicates established in eight infestations. Nine of ten replicates showed a mean net reduction in brood production. Spot proliferation did not occur following cut and leave but SPB populations were clearly on the decline (GFC 1980).

Although the individual tactics currently used for direct control of SPB have been around for many decades, the rationale or general approach to suppression has been revised in recent decades. During the era of chemical insecticides (1950-1970), the goal of most state and federal forestry agencies in the South was to detect and chemically treat each and every suspected SPB infestation, regardless of its size. Clearly, the ultimate goal was to solve the pest problem by eradicating the insect, if at all possible. The Georgia Forestry Commission cut and sprayed over 1 million SPB infested trees in 1962 (GFC Internal Report 1963). Despite thousands of dollars of chemicals and countless manhours dedicated to suppression activities, the SPB problem persisted year after year.

Large scale insecticide control was voluntarily discontinued around 1970 due to the increasing cost of materials and persistence of the pest population. In addition, research findings by the Southern Forest Research Institute (Williamson and Vite, 1971) provided evidence that use of chemical treatments in east Texas may have contributed to the unprecedented 20-year SPB outbreak by selectively eliminating populations of natural enemies. Since 1970, mechanical control methods (salvage removal and cut-and-leave) have largely replaced insecticides in operational control programs.

The current control strategy no longer attempts to eradicate the beetle by treating all infestations, but focuses on those infestations likely to expand and cause the greatest resource losses. Accordingly, only multiple-tree infestations are recorded by aerial observers. Each spot that exceeds a detection threshold (5-10 trees) is assigned a ground-check priority, based on the presence and abundance of trees with freshly-fading crowns (Billings and Doggett, 1979). To aid ground-check crews, a field guide (Billings and Pase, 1979a) was developed for rating individual SPB infestations and assigning a control priority, based on the potential for expansion (Billings, 1979). For use in critical situations, spot growth models are now available to predict actual tree losses that will occur if no control is applied (Billings and Hynum, 1980; Stephen and Lih, 1985). Small, non-expanding spots are monitored from the ground or air until they go inactive, without need for control (Billings, 1979). This approach has greatly reduced work loads of control crews and increased the efficacy of control efforts.

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Area-wide SPB control efforts have long been hampered by such factors as the multitude of small landowners, poor access, lack of markets for beetle-killed timber, and landowner apathy (Billings, 1980). In addition, new constraints have developed during the last decade to further limit the extent to which area-wide SPB outbreaks can be prevented or controlled. The establishment of wilderness areas in various southern states in recent years hinders area-wide control efforts. No direct control or preventive treatments are allowed in these areas unless the infestation occurs within one-fourth mile of the boundary, endangered species are threatened,

and/or several other specific criteria are met. As a result, these unmanaged areas have become increasingly prone to severe and persistent SPB outbreaks and threaten to become breeding grounds for perennial SPB populations.

Control efforts on certain National Forests are now routinely hampered by environmental activists who effectively use legal appeals and lawsuits to halt or delay suppression activities. The Four Notch experience in east Texas provides testimony to the destructive potential of SPB if no control is taken. Due to actions by environmentalists which caused delays in direct control, SPB infestations on this proposed wilderness area killed more than 2,000 acres of sawtimber in less than one year, drastically increased the frequency and severity of timber losses on adjacent commercial forest lands, and eliminated several colonies of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker (Miles, 1987).

The 1988 court-mandated requirement to manage National Forest lands so as to promote survival of the red cockaded woodpecker may serve to aggravate the SPB problem. Rotation ages have been extended and hardwood mid-story trees eliminated in foraging areas and in colony sites; these manipulations may increase susceptibility to SPB infestations in the long run. Direct control may thus be required more frequently to protect cavity trees and critical foraging areas from SPB infestations.

Silvicultural methods have been recommended to prevent SPB damage. Beal and Massey (1945) recommended fire prevention, slash disposal, thinning, and regulating stand composition and density as beetle reduction measures. They also suggested shorter rotation

lengths as a measure to avoid beetle problems. Bennett (1971) made comprehensive silvicultural recommendations. These included increasing the resistance of stands by promoting rapid growth, avoiding unnecessary site and stand disturbance, sanitation cutting, particularly when lightning struck trees are involved and drainage to relieve soil moisture stress.

The Expanded Southern Pine Beetle Research and Applications Program (1974-1980) developed several hazard rating systems for SPB and identified further silvilcultural recommendations to minimize beetle damage (Thatcher, et al., 1980). The latter included favoring resistant species (slash, longleaf, Virginia and white pines over loblolly, shortleaf, or pitch), sanitation, maintaining rapid radial growth, promoting mixed hardwood-pine stands, minimizing logging damage, harvesting overmature stands, and site protection.

There has long been interest in biological control of bark beetles. Gmelin (1787) recognized the importance of natural control agents in the cyclic nature of bark beetle infestations. Although he indicated that "one may become suspicious that the reduction of such enemies...may be one of the causes of the tremendous overpopulations of bark beetles," he apparently did not try to supplement biological control factors.

Hopkins (1899) was a strong supporter of biological control of SPB. During an outbreak in Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland in the latter part of the nineteenth century, he attemped biological control of the insect. He traveled to Germany and imported over 3,000 living specimens of a clerid beetle (Clerus formicarius) which he hoped would function as a biological control agent. These

were released at a number of SPB spots in West Virginia in 1892-1894. As with many other studies, shortly after Hopkins introduced this imported clerid, the SPB population collapsed. However, there is no evidence that this clerid became established as a result of these introductions. It is of interest that this collection of predators was largely financially supported by the timber companies in the stricken areas (as was the Southern Forest Research Institute in east Texas).

Although a substantial body of research exists on natural enemies of SPB, there has been surprisingly little research done on utilization of these natural control measures since Hopkins' early work. Some of the direct control measures currently used are timed to minimize impact on natural control factors, but otherwise there appears to be little interest in this potentially valuable area. The fact that SPB is a native insect has discouraged entomologists from pursuing this approach.

Although outbreaks of the southern pine beetle have been reported for several hundred years and extensive research and control efforts have been aimed at this small insect, it continues to be one of the most destructive pests of southern forests.

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TABLE 1.--DAMAGE ESTIMATES OF SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

TOTAL VALUE (\$)	9,234,000 4,746,500 846,000 17,800 227,953 351,375 19,567 4,350
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VOLUME NOT SALVAGED CORDS MBF	200,000 6,400 2,400 3,276 4,675 700 30
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ESTIMATED VOLUME SALVAGED CORDS MBF	210,500 7,100 3,200 4,410 4,417 5,075 502 502 50
CALENDAR	1982 1982 1983 1984 1986 1989 1989
STATE	****

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Information collected from each state and federal pest control specialist.

Beginning year is based on available state records.

Includes estimates on federal, state, and private lands.

Stumpage prices are estimates from each state pest specialist, and the same values are assigned to timber salvaged and not salvaged.

Actual volume of timber chemically treated plus estimated volume killed with no treatment.

A total of 31,230 cords and 142,205 MBF was reported killed from 1972-1976. To provide uniformity within the table, these figures were divided by 5 years to show an average by year.

CORRECTIONS

The outbreak status of the following counties were incorrectly mapped. Their coloring should be changed to the color shown.

Figure	Year	County	Correct Color
30	1989	Hempstead County, Arkansas	Green
30	1989	Miller County, Arkansas	Green
30	1989	Nevada County, Arkansas	Green
31	1990	Hempstead County, Arkansas	Green
31	1990	Little River County, Arkansas	Green

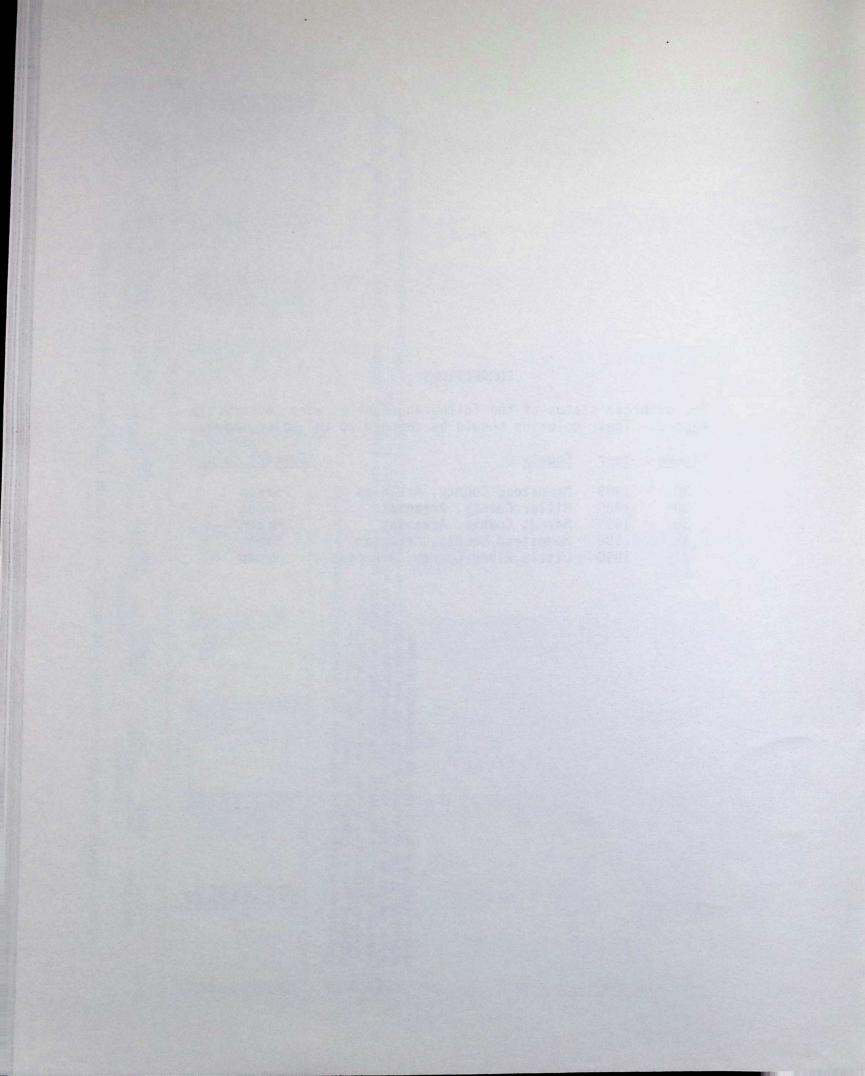


Figure 1

Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast

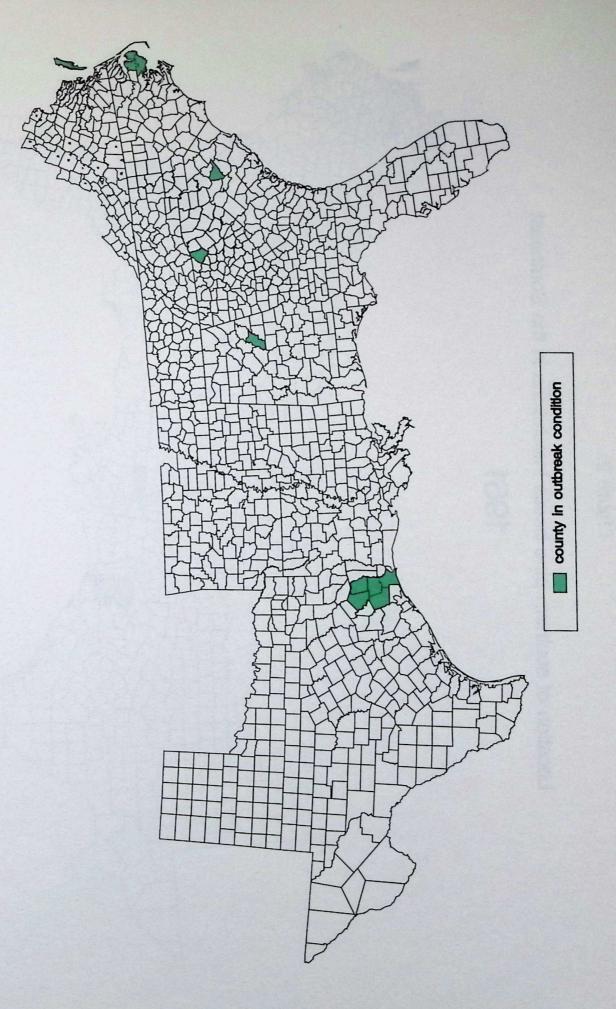


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Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast 1961

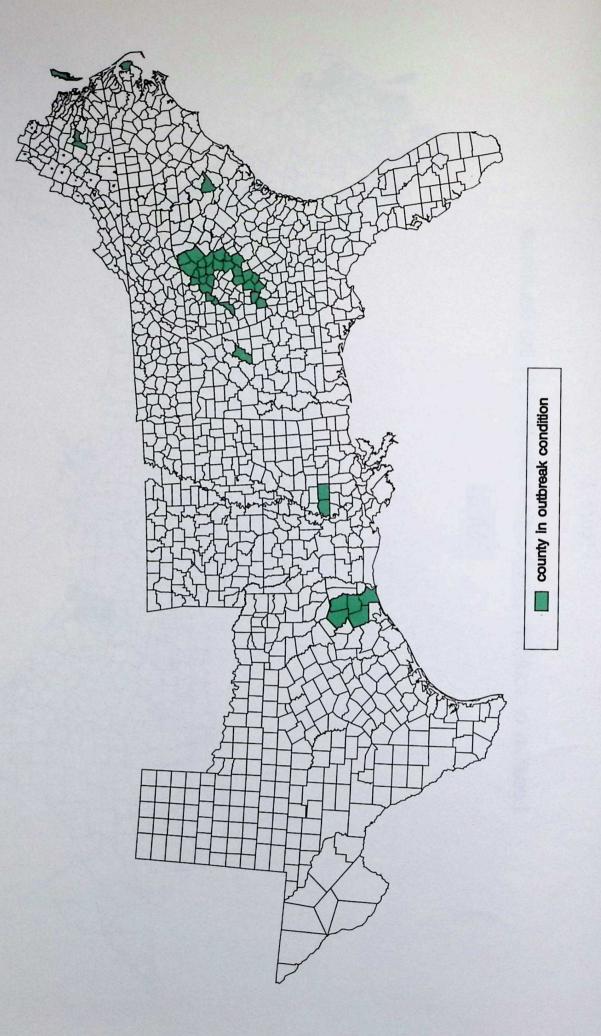
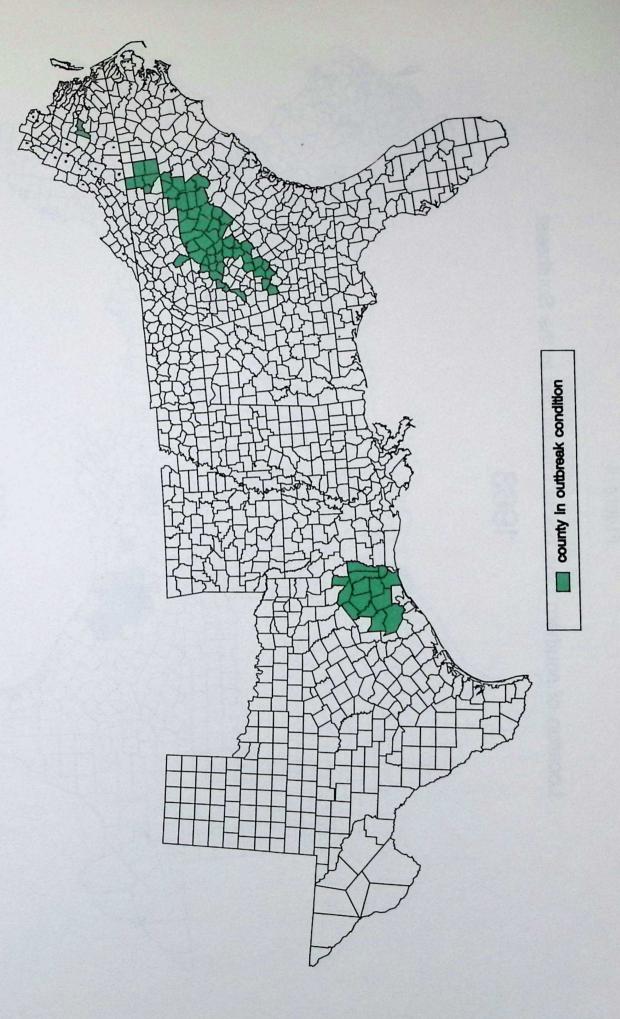


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Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast



Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast

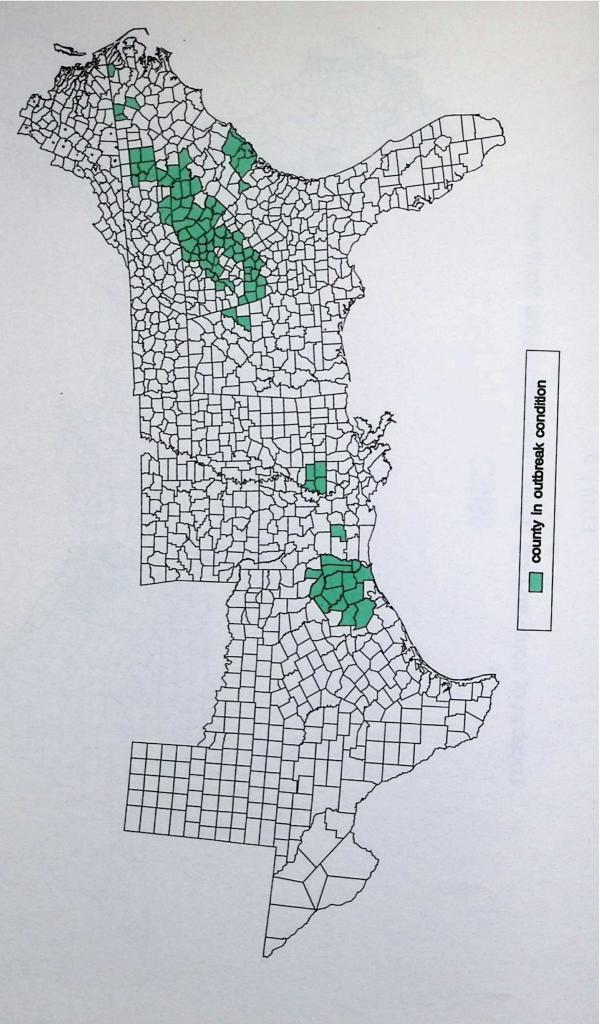


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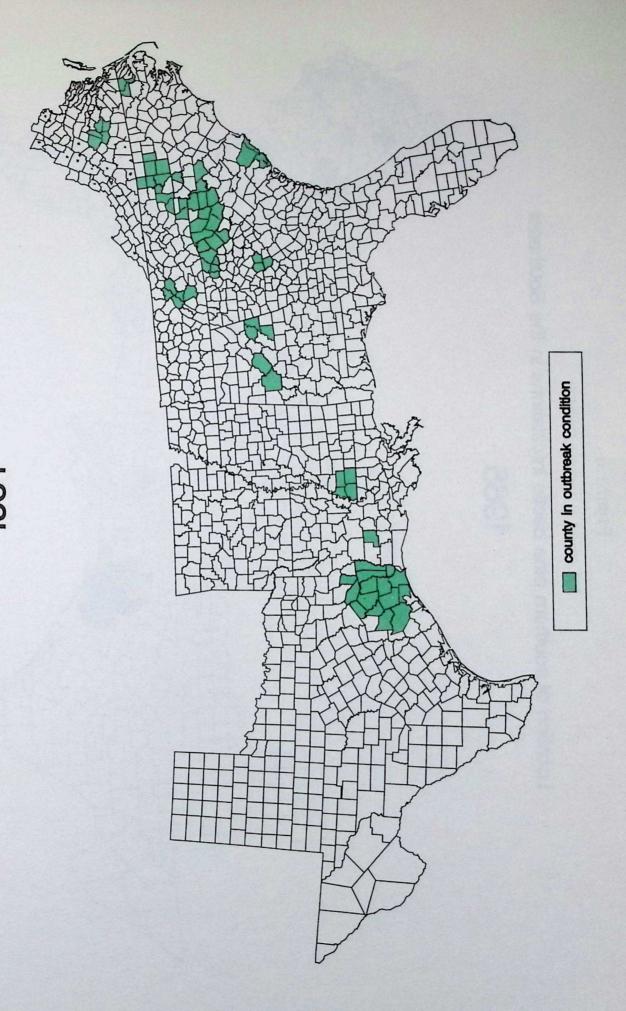


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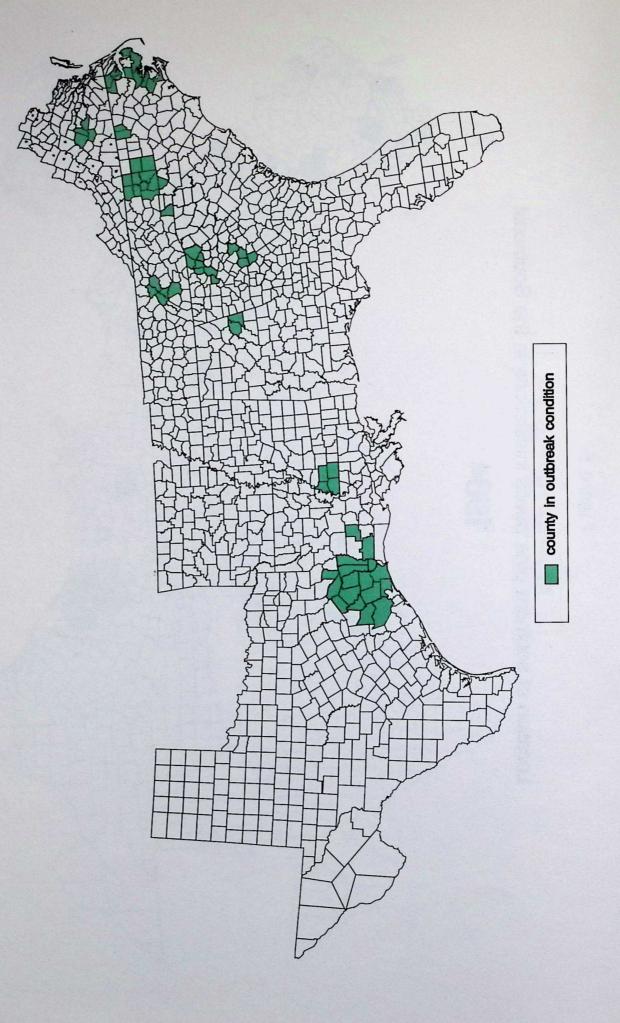


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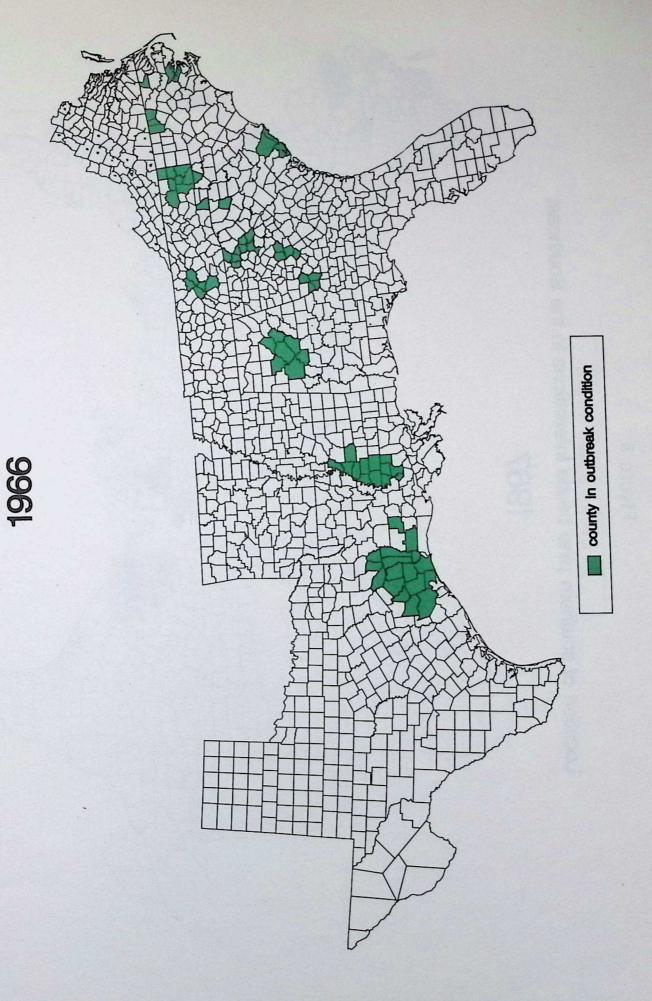


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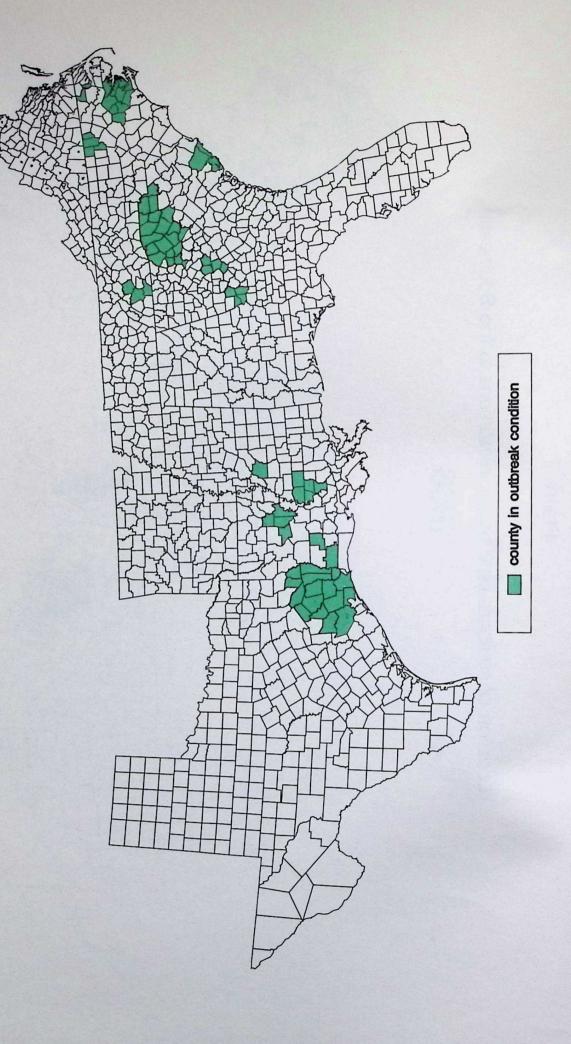


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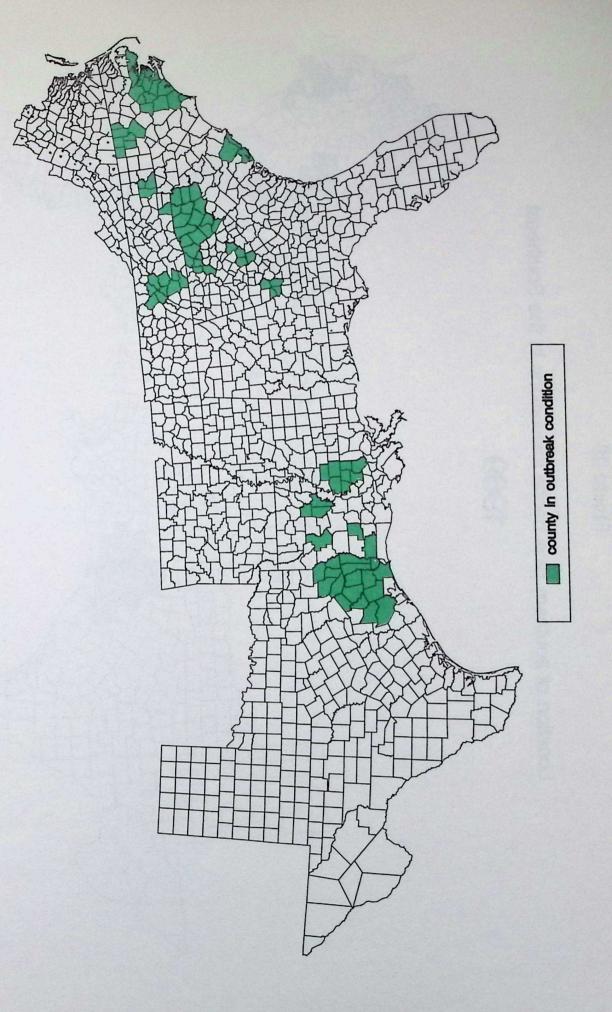


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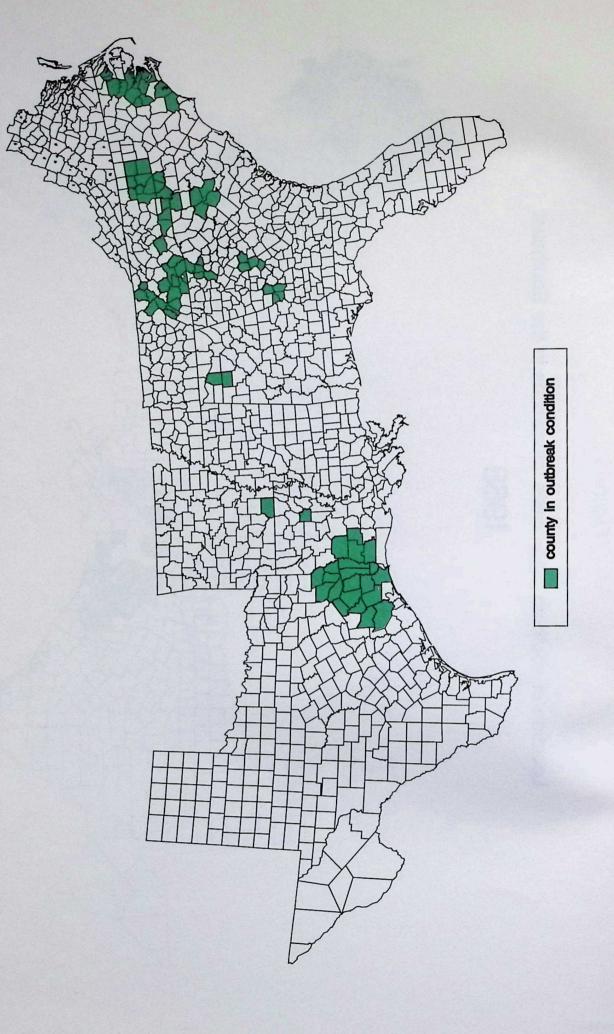


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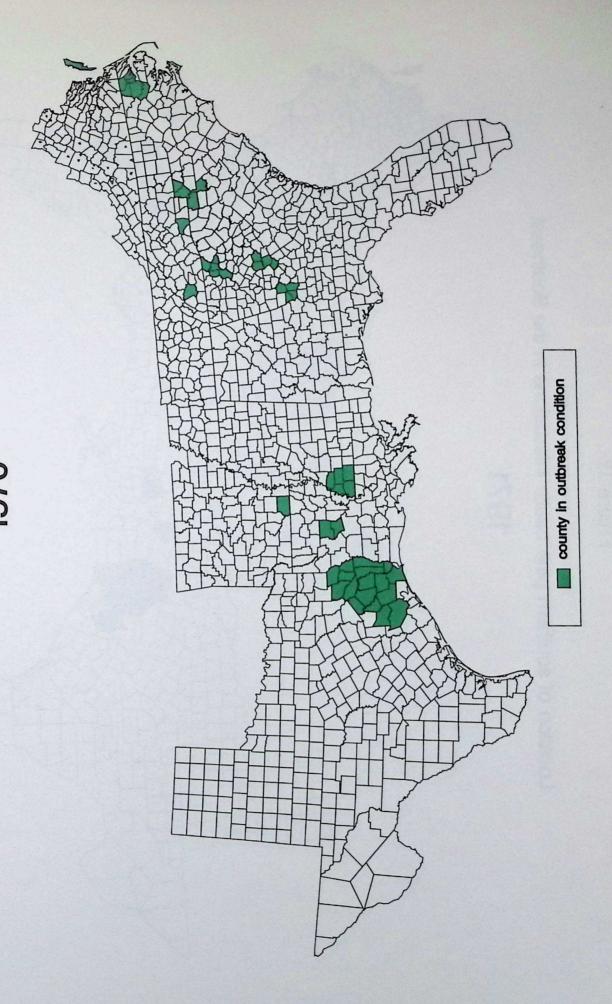


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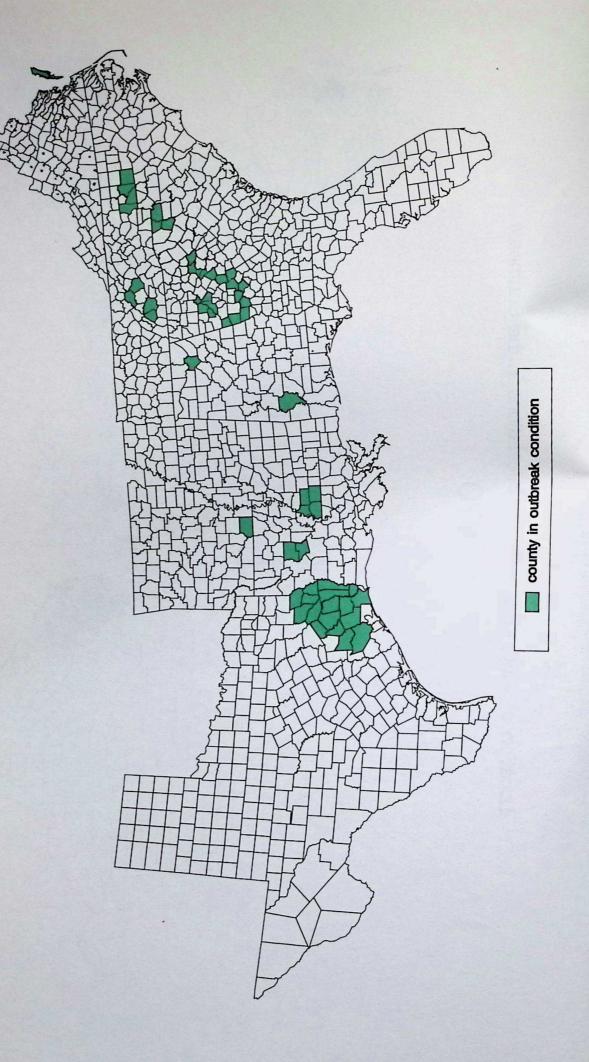


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Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast

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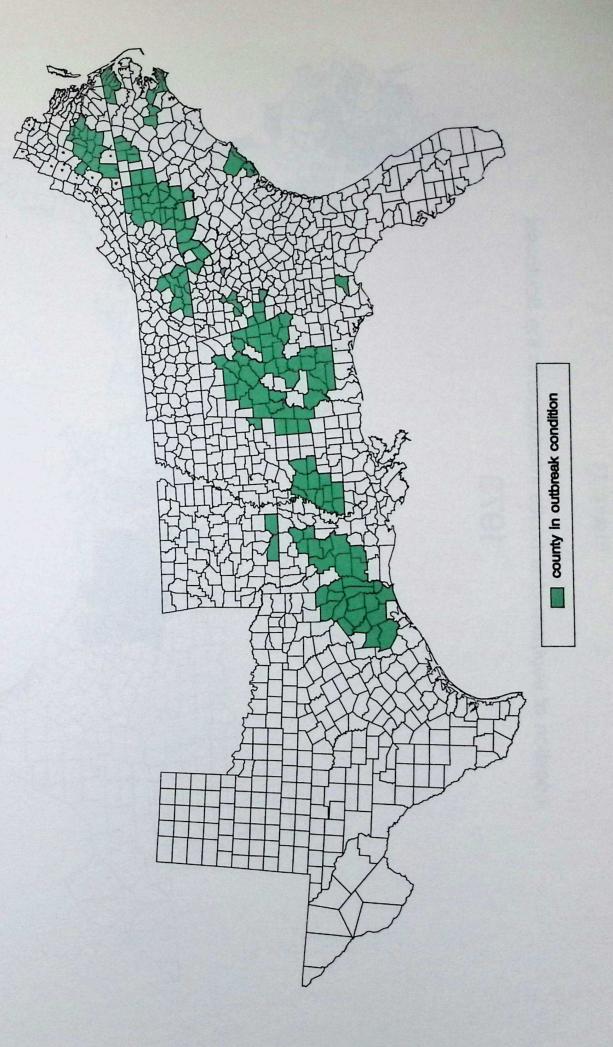


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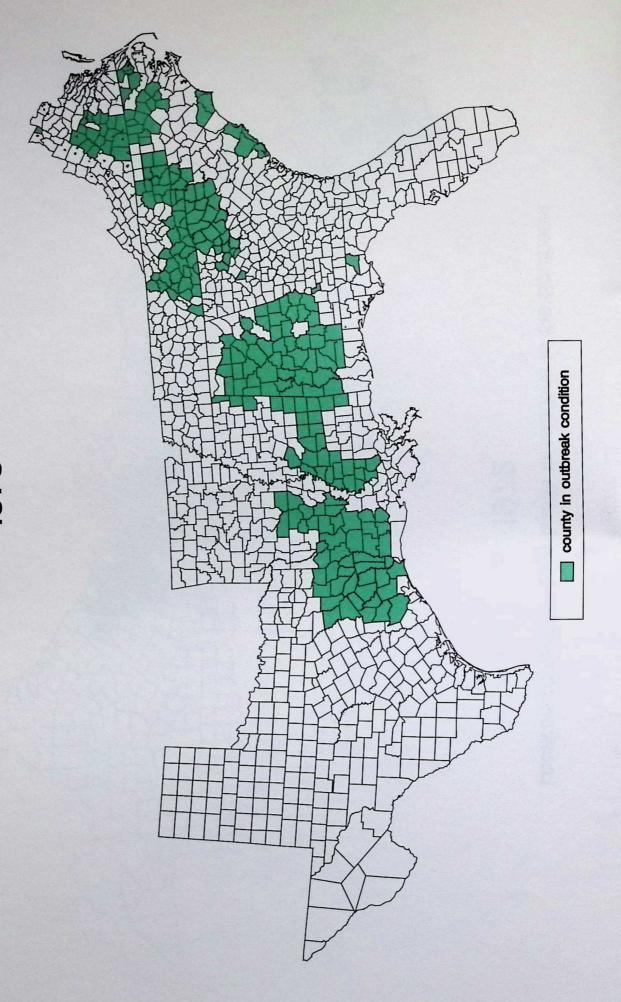


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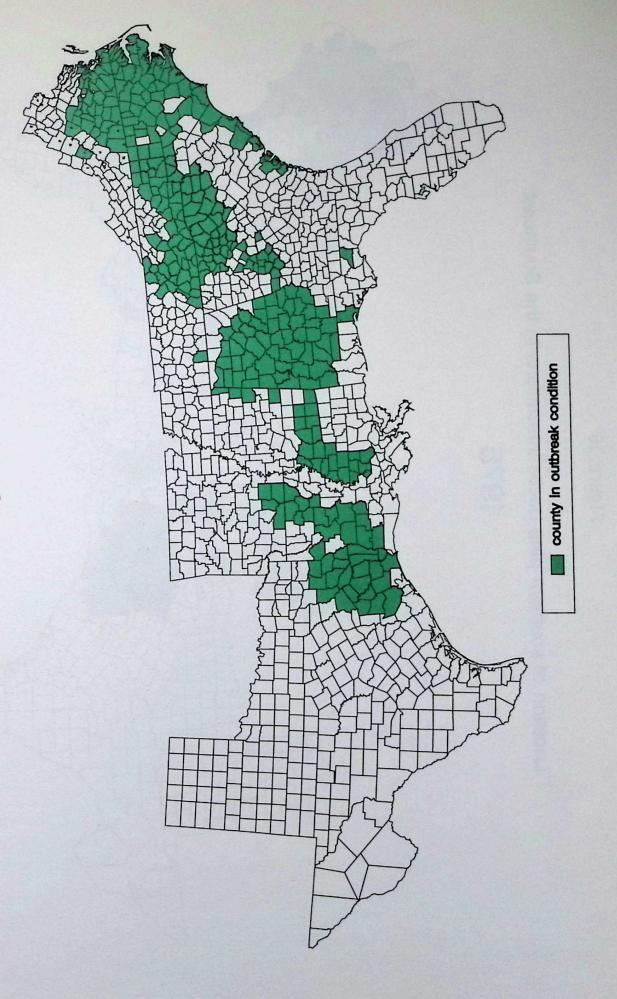


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Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast

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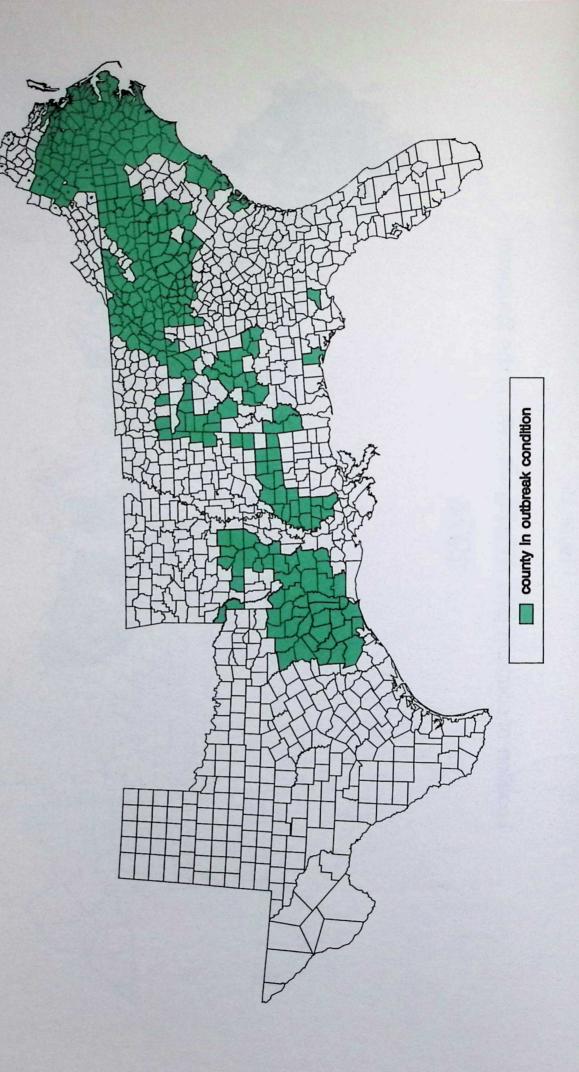


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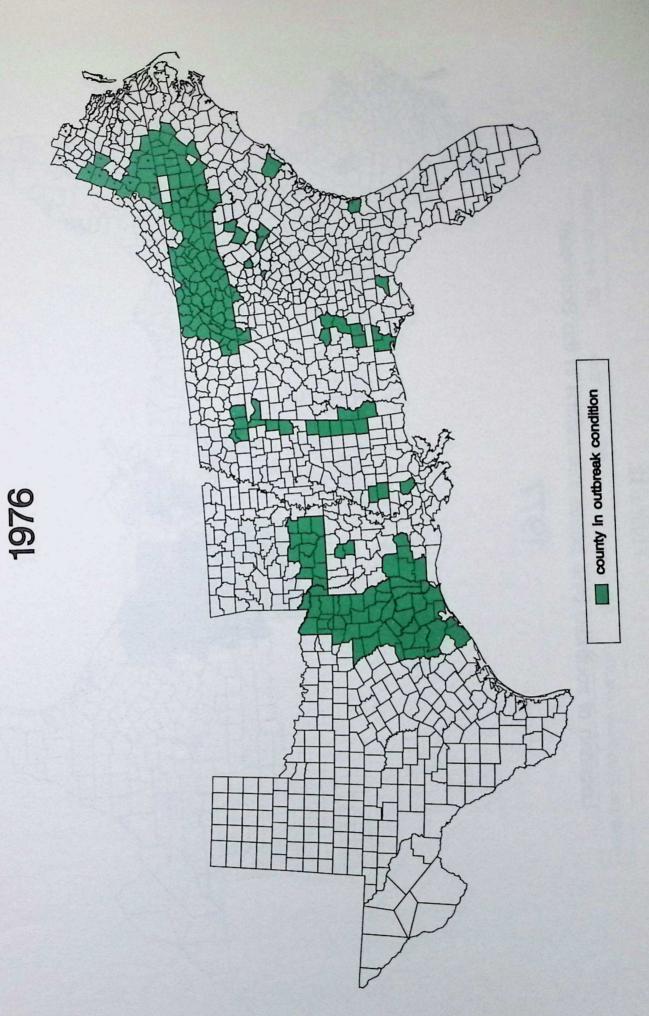


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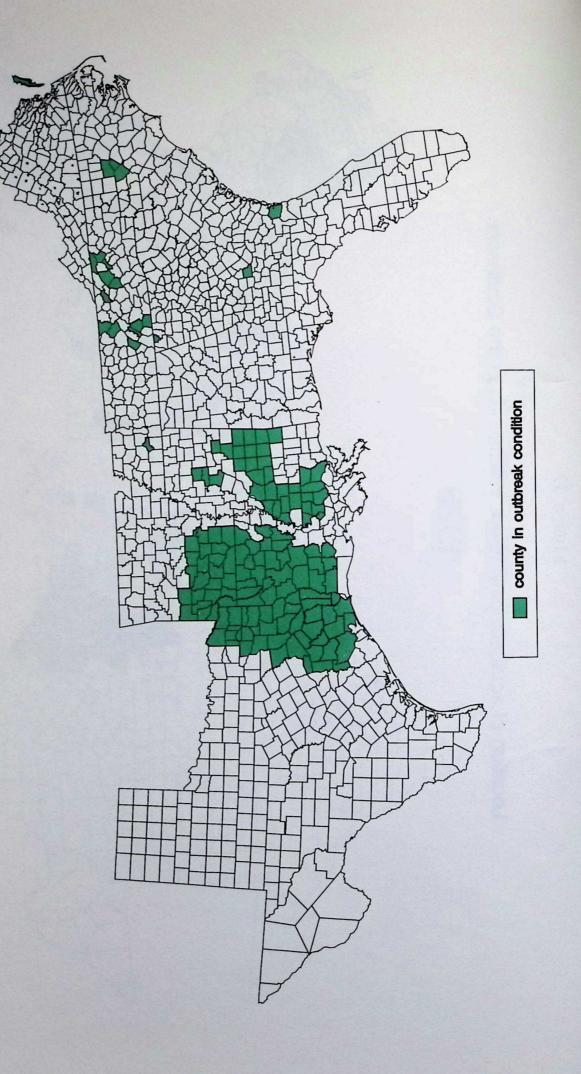
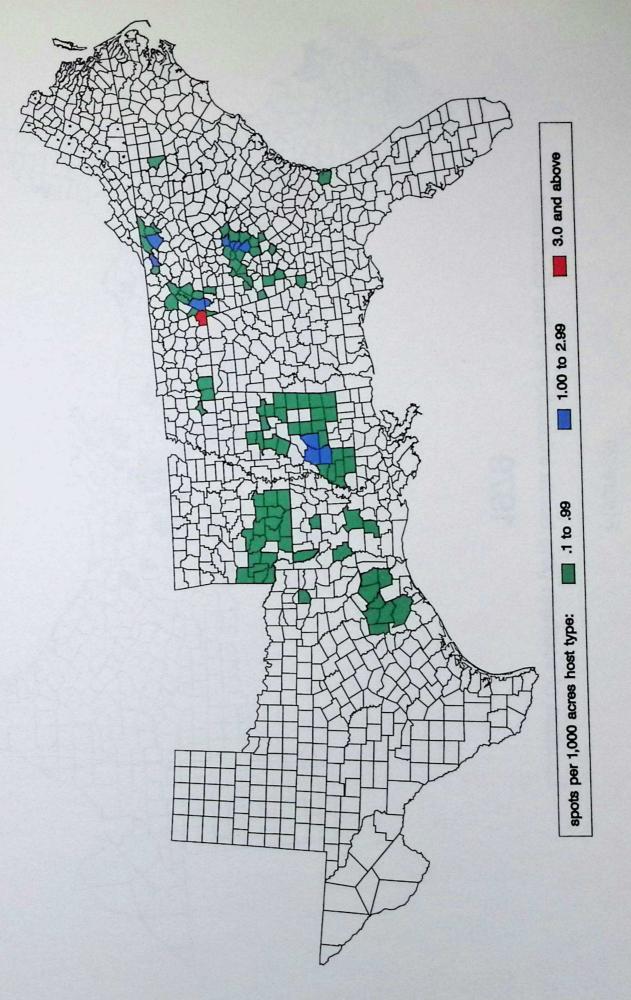


Figure 19

Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast





Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast 1979

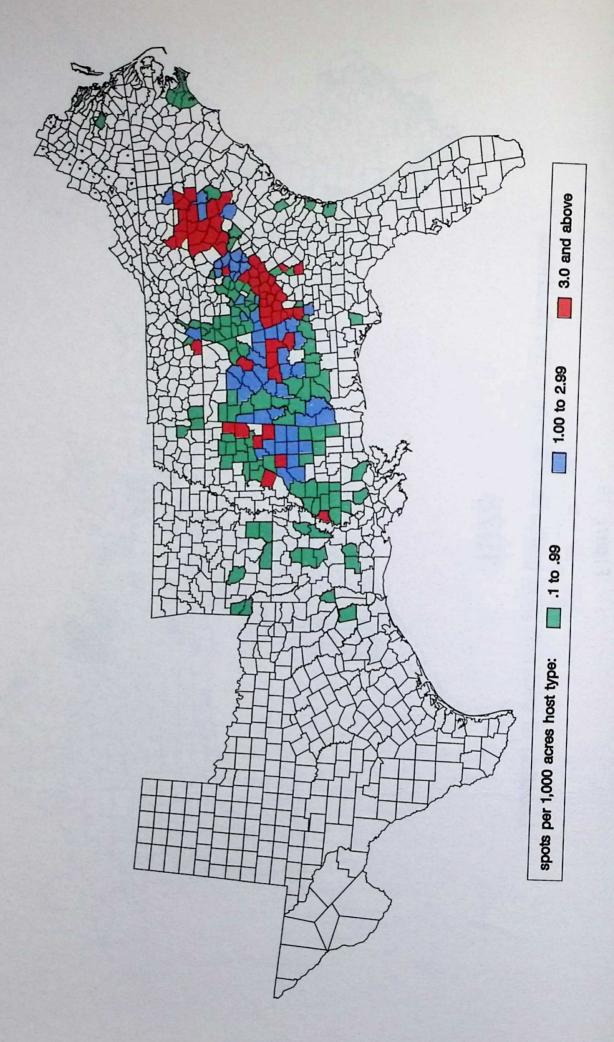


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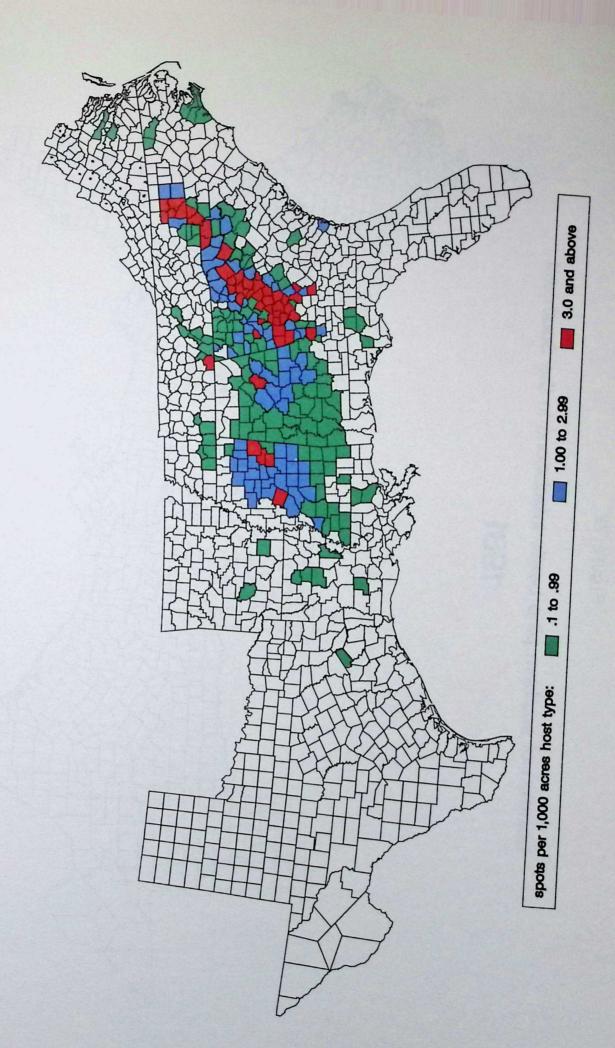
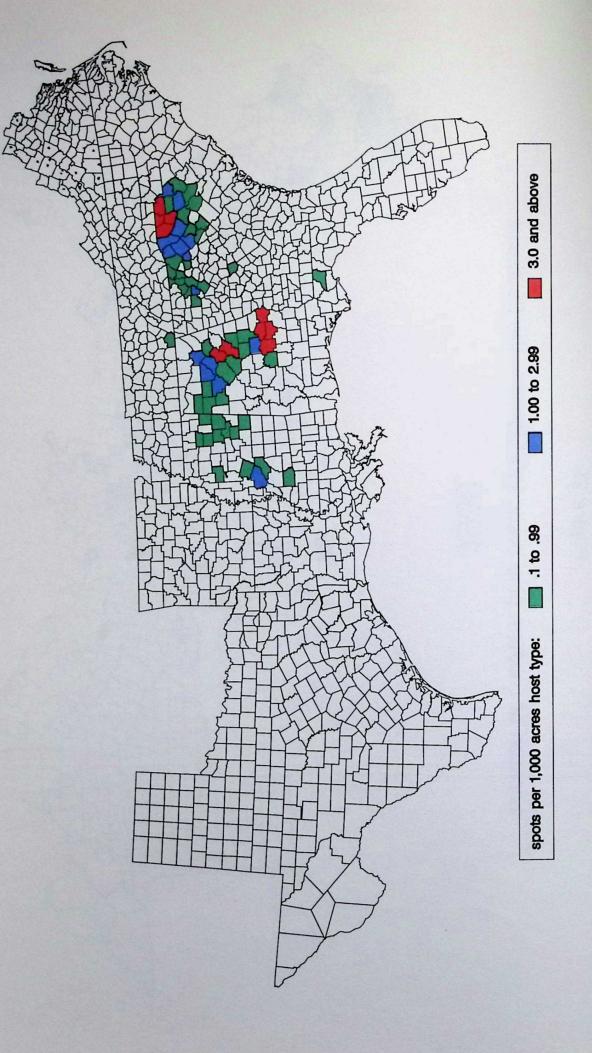


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Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast





Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast



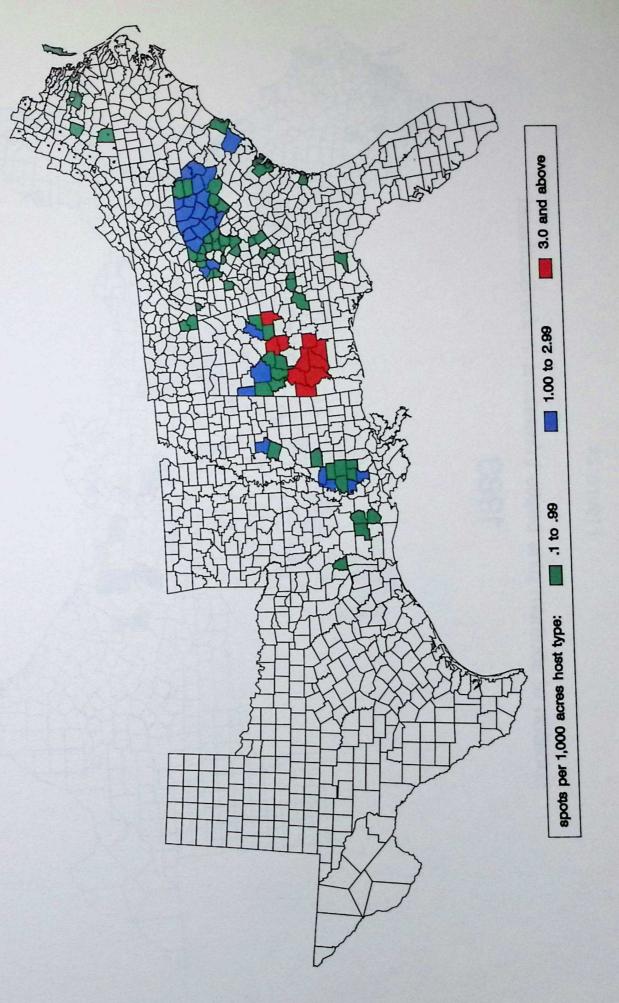
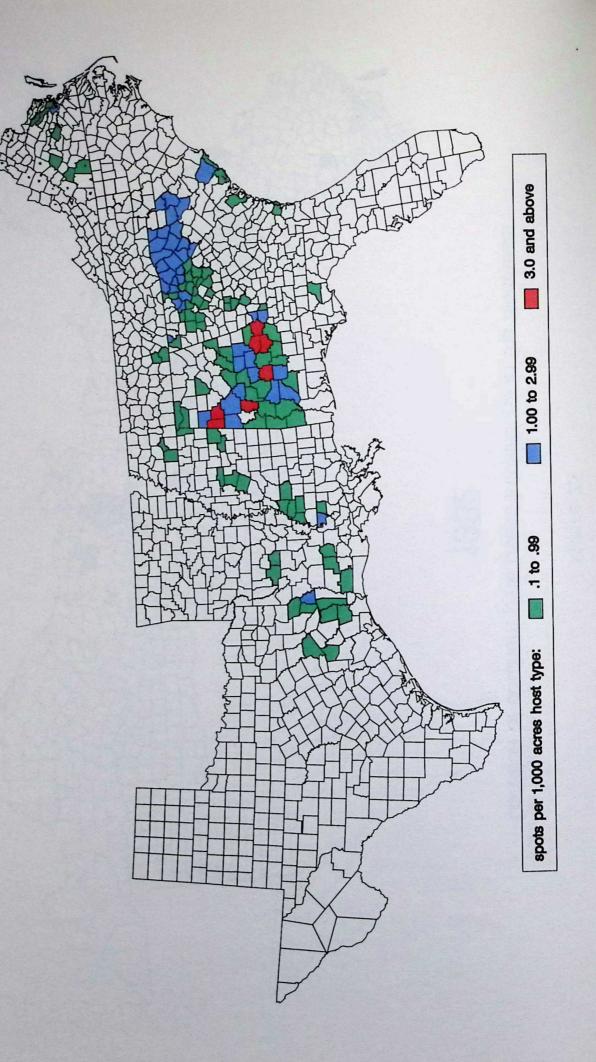


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Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast 1983



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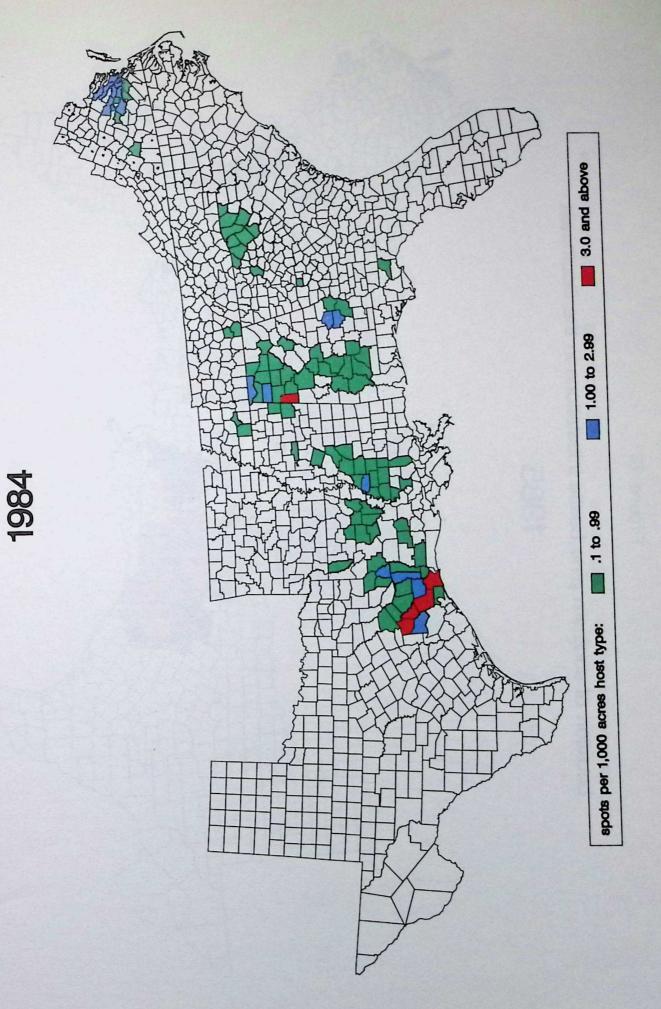


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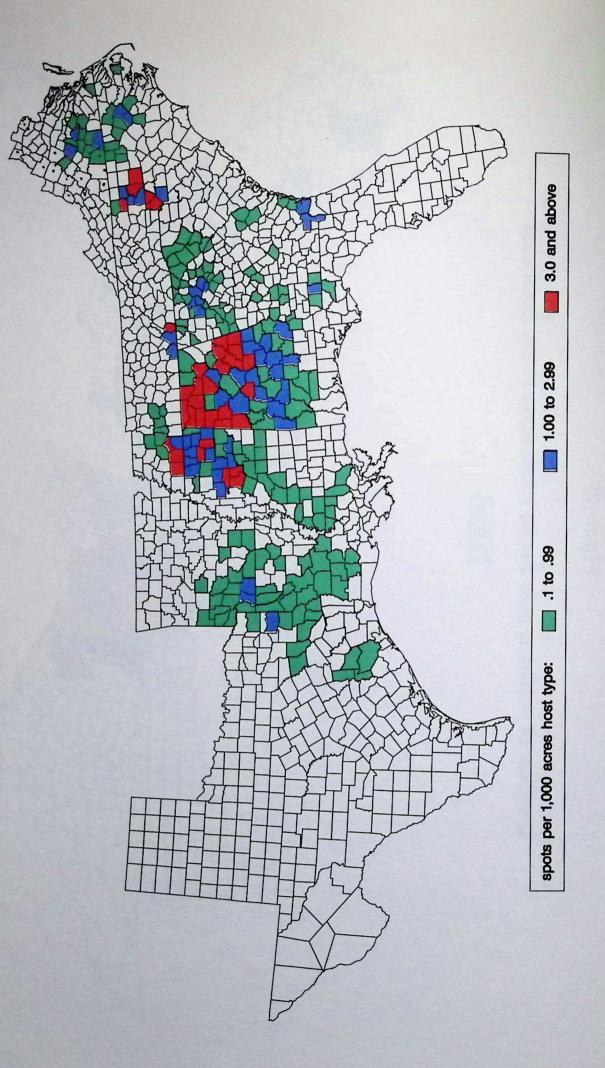


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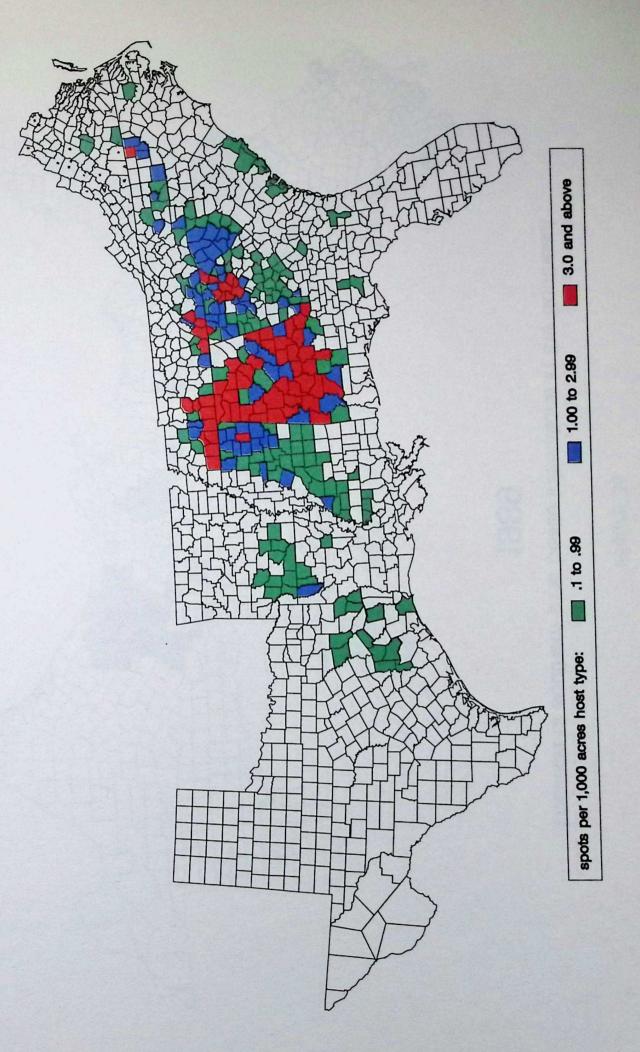


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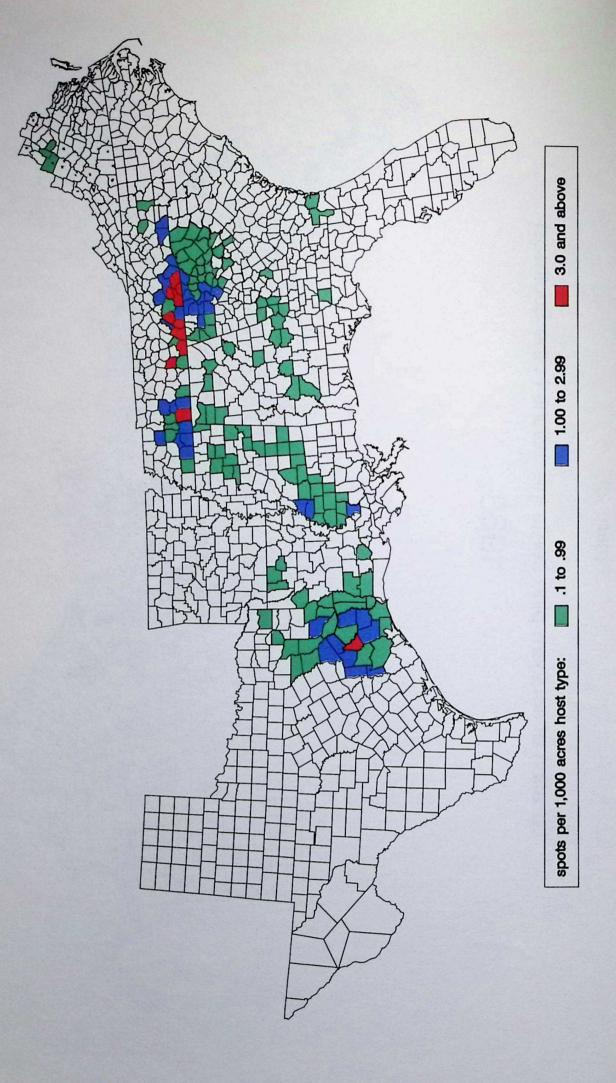
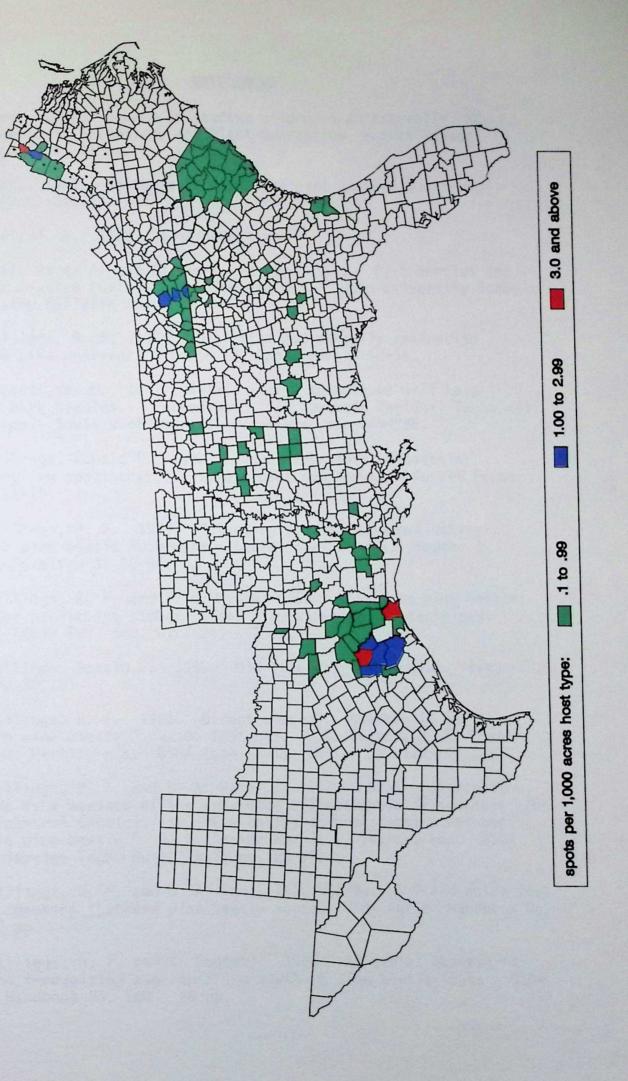
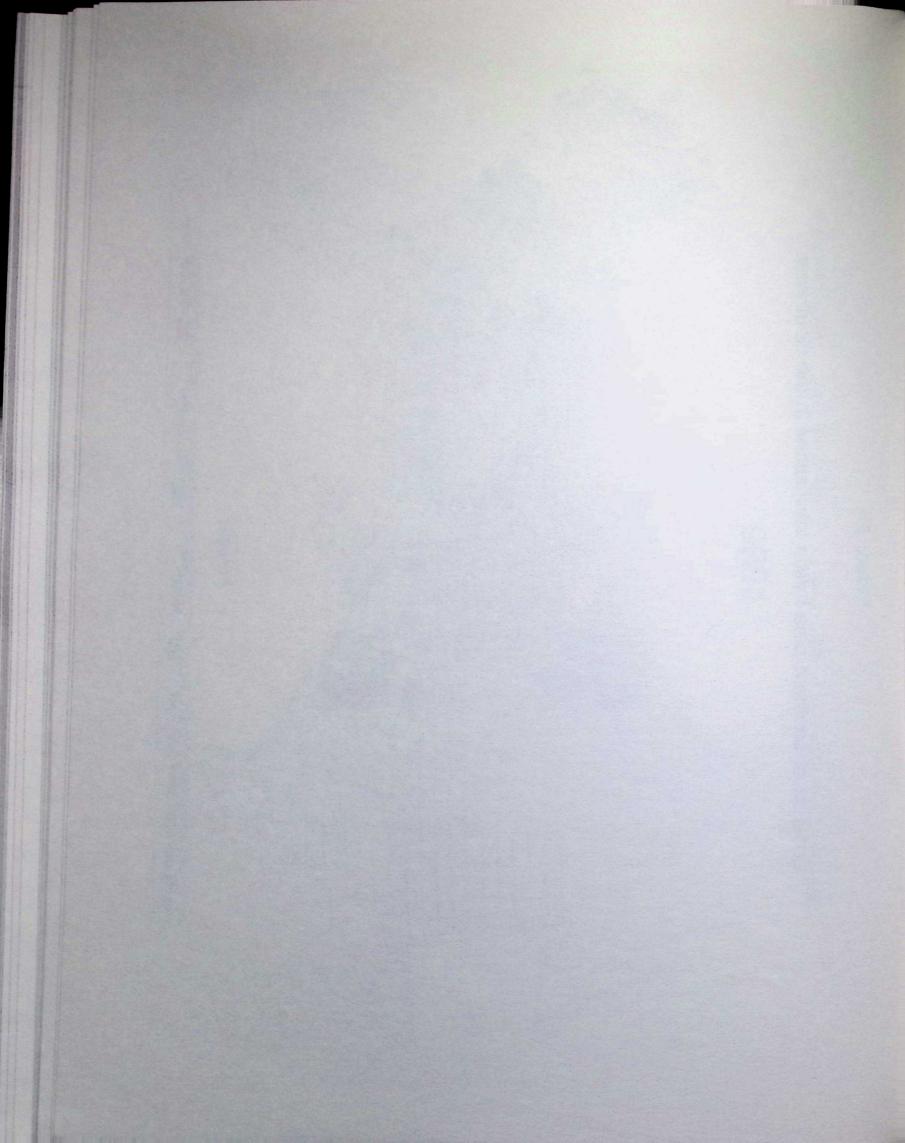


Figure 31

Location of southern pine beetle infestations in the Southeast







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APPENDIX

Table 2.--Southern Pine Beetle Damage in the Southeast. (Based on sketchy data from 1882-1960)

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\$ Value	9,279 4,500 450,000 450 450 4,500 4,500 4,500 4,500
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: Volume H	4,000 50,000 Minor Minor Minor Minor
: Area	Texas Central Atlantic States North Carolina, Georgia Eastern & Western Virginia Southwide Texas North Carolina, Virginia Virginia, East Tennessee Virginia, East Tennessee Florida North Carolina, East Tennessee North Carolina, East Texas North Carolina East Texas North Carolina East Texas North Carolina East Texas North Carolina East Texas Mississippi South Carolina Florida Georgia Alabama Texas Western North Carolina Mountains-Tennessee Florida Georgia Alabama Texas Western North Carolina Mountains-Tennessee Georgia
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1954	North Carolina, Mountains-Tennessee,		750 000	0
	Virginia Alabama, Mississippi	Minor	450,000	•
1955	Piedmont N.C. and S.C., N. Georgia			
	and Central Virginia	42,100 15,500,000	513,800	1,7
	Kentucky, Alabama, Mountains-Tennessee,			
	and Mississippi	Minor		1, 8
1956	Mountains & Piedmont of North Carolina	1,700,000	42,500	
	Northern South Carolina	000,009	15,000	1,7
	Northern Georgia	150,000	3,750	_
	Mountains-Tennessee	3,300,000	82,500	
	Mountains-Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama			
	and Texas	Minor		
1957	Western N.C., East Tennessee, N.E.			
	Georgia, N.W. South Carolina	000,000,9	150,000	1, /
	S.W. Mississippi		30,100	
	Alabama, Louisiana	Minor	001	7
1958	East North Carolina	150,000	4,500	0
	S.E. Texas		200	
	N. Central Alabama, Mountains-Tennessee	Minor	007 6	٠,٠
1959	South Carolina	000,08	7,400	
	East Texas	144 Spots		- a
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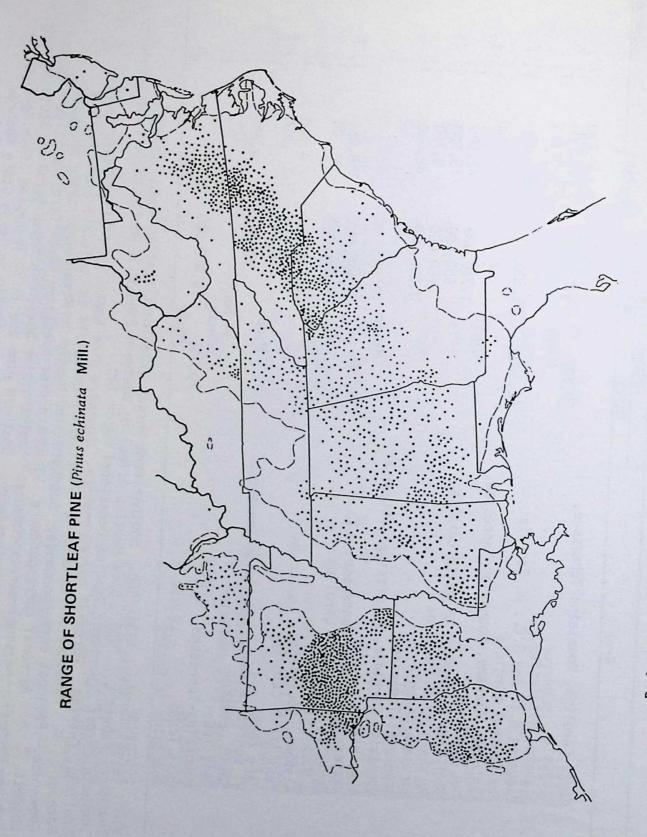
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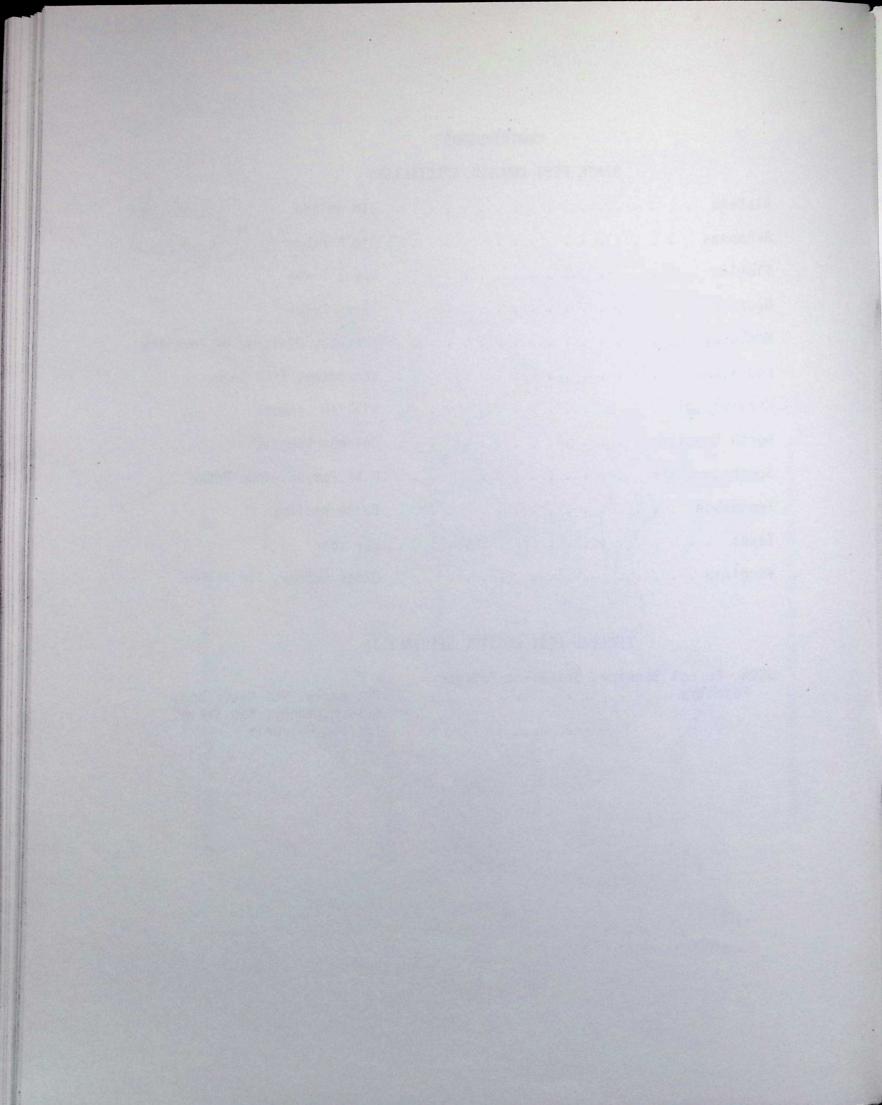
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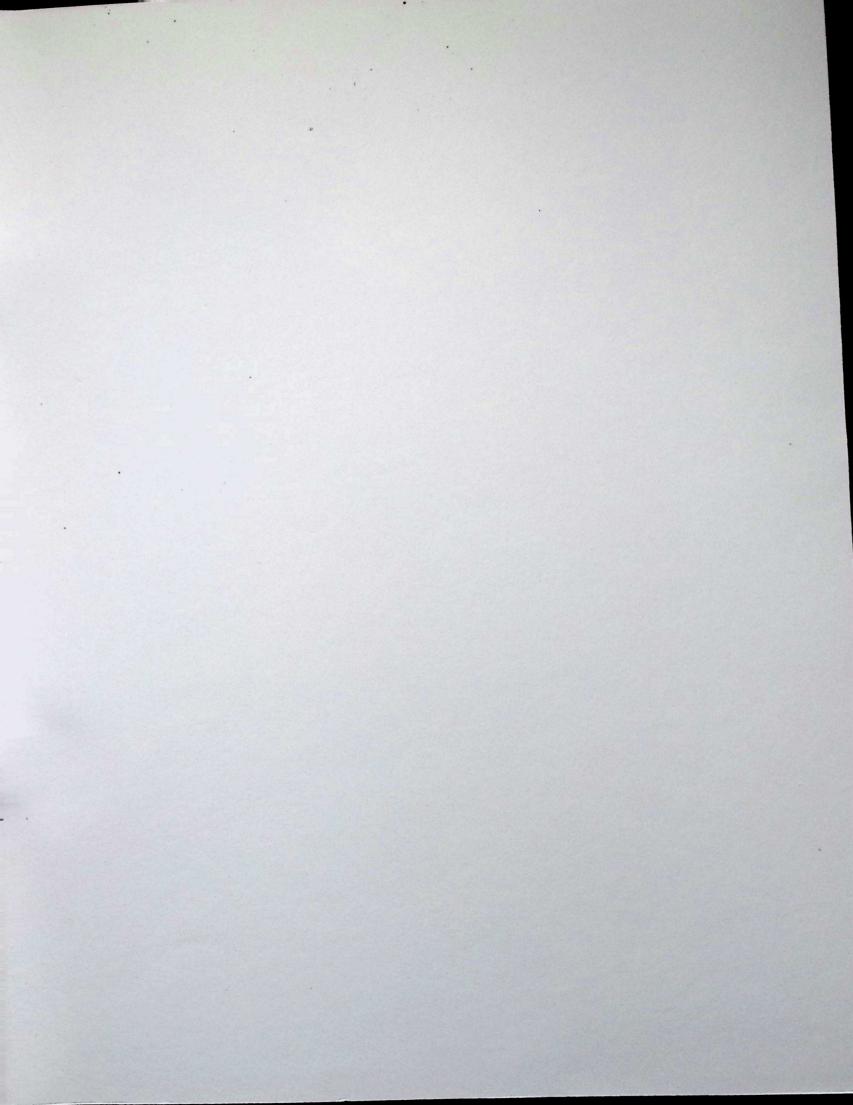
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